

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A switchover device for effecting a switchover control among a plurality of information sources as well as among a plurality of information processing devices, such that information transmitted from the plurality of information sources are supplied to the plurality of information processing devices in a predetermined manner, the switchover device comprising:

a plurality of input terminals connected with the plurality of information sources;

a first output terminal and a second output terminal connected with the plurality of information processing devices;

switchover connection devices for effecting switchover connection between the plurality of input terminals on one hand and the first, second output terminals on the other; and

a switchover control device for controlling the switchover of the switchover connection devices;

wherein during a process in which an information transmitted from one information source is supplied to the plurality of information processing devices, once there is an interrupt request for supplying an information transmitted from another information source to the information processing devices, the switchover control device operates to control switchover connection device to stop a connection between the first output terminal and one input terminal connected with said one information source, and to form a connection between the first output terminal and another input terminal connected with said another information source, further to keep a connection between the second output terminal and an input terminal connected with said one information source.

2. The switchover device according to claim 1, wherein the switchover control device has a memory for storing a switchover connection state of the switchover connection device when one information transmitted from said one information source is supplied to the plurality of information processing devices, and is provided such that once the interrupt request is cancelled, the switchover control device operates to return the switchover connection device to its former state (a state existing prior to the occurrence of the interrupt request) in accordance with a switchover connection state stored in the memory.

3. An information recording/reproducing apparatus equipped with a switchover device recited in claim 1, wherein an information processing device connected with the first output terminal is an audio reproducing/outputting device for audio-reproducing/outputting an information, an information processing device connected with the second output terminal is a recording device for recording an information, an information source in relation with an interrupt request is a signal reception device.